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Note by the secretariat

1. This note provides information on the status of submission and review of sixth national communications (NC6s) and first biennial reports (BR1s) from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties) as at 14 October 2014.

2. The Conference of the Parties (COP), by decisions 9/CP.16, paragraph 5, and 2/CP.17, paragraph 13, requested Annex I Parties to submit their NC6s and BR1s, respectively, by 1 January 2014.

3. In addition, the COP, by decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 12, adopted the "UNFCCC biennial reporting guidelines for developed country Parties", noting that developed country Parties shall use the reporting guidelines for the preparation of their biennial reports (BRs). By decision 19/CP.18, paragraph 1, it also adopted the common tabular format (CTF) for those guidelines and decided that developed country Parties shall use the format when preparing and submitting their BRs in accordance with decision 2/CP.17.

4. By decision 7/CMP.8, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) requested Annex I Parties that are also Parties to the Kyoto Protocol to include, in their NC6s, the necessary supplementary information required by the "Guidelines for the preparation of the information required under Article 7 of the Kyoto Protocol" (contained in the annex to decision 15/CMP.1).

5. At the time of the preparation of this note, the secretariat had received NC6s from all 44 Annex I Parties. A total of 26 Annex I Parties submitted their NC6s before the due date of submission in accordance with decision 9/CP.16, while 18 Annex I Parties submitted their NC6s after that date (12 of which submitted them within six weeks after that date). All

national communications (NCs) received have been posted on the UNFCCC website.[1] The dates of submission are presented in the table below.

6. At the time of the preparation of this note, the secretariat had received 42 BR1s and 44 sets of CTF tables.[2] A total of 21 Annex I Parties submitted their BR1s and 19 Annex I Parties submitted their CTF tables before the due date of submission in accordance with decision 2/CP.17, while 21 Annex I Parties submitted their BR1s and 24 Annex I Parties submitted their CTF tables after that date (14 of which submitted their BR1s and 13 of which submitted their CTF tables within six weeks after that date). The textual parts of the BR1s of Kazakhstan and Turkey, as well as Turkey's CTF tables, have not been submitted. All BR1s and CTF tables received have been posted on the UNFCCC website.[3] The dates of submission of the BR1s and the CTF tables are presented in the table below.

7. The COP, by decision 23/CP.19, adopted the "Guidelines for the technical review of information reported under the Convention related to greenhouse gas inventories, biennial reports and national communications by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention" and decided to use these guidelines for the review of BR1s and NC6s starting in 2014 and for subsequent reviews of BRs and NCs until any revisions are decided upon by the COP. The review guidelines state that, in the years in which NCs and BRs are submitted together, both will be subject to an in-country review. They also state that a BR shall be reviewed in conjunction with its NC in the years in which both the BR and the NC are submitted.

8. The "Guidelines for review under Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol" (contained in the annex to decision 22/CMP.1) specify that each NC submitted by an Annex I Party that is also a Party to the Kyoto Protocol shall be subject to a scheduled in-country in-depth review. By decision 9/CMP.9, the CMP requested the secretariat to organize centralized reviews of NC6s for Parties with total greenhouse gas emissions of less than 50 Mt carbon dioxide equivalent (excluding land use, land-use change and forestry) in accordance with their most recent greenhouse gas inventory submission, with the exception of Parties included in Annex II to the Convention, for which the secretariat will organize in-country in-depth reviews.

9. As at 14 October 2014, the secretariat had coordinated 28 in-country in-depth reviews of NC6s and the technical reviews of BR1s for Australia, Austria, Canada, the Czech Republic, Denmark, the European Union, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, the Russian Federation, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America. In accordance with the provision of decision 9/CMP.9 mentioned in paragraph 8 above, centralized reviews of NC6s and BR1s were coordinated by the secretariat for 10 Parties: Croatia, Cyprus, Estonia, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Monaco, Slovakia and Slovenia. In-country reviews of the submissions of another three Parties have been scheduled for later in 2014 and in-country reviews of the submissions of the Parties which are yet to make complete submissions or have indicated their plans for resubmission

[1] <http://unfccc.int/national_reports/annex_i_natcom/submitted_natcom/items/7742.php>.

[2] The European Union (EU) submitted two sets of CTF tables, for the EU-28 (the 28 member States of the EU) and the EU-15 (the 15 member States that formed the European Community at the time of ratification of the Kyoto Protocol).

[3] <http://unfccc.int/national_reports/biennial_reports_and_iar/submitted_biennial_reports/items/7550.php>.

of their NC have been scheduled for early 2015.[4] The dates of the reviews are presented in the table below.

10. As at 14 October 2014, 18 reports of the in-depth review of NC6s and 18 reports on the technical review of BR1s have been published[5] (see the table below). Seventeen Annex I Parties are planned for multilateral assessment in a working group session under the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) at its forty-first session. Review reports of all remaining Annex I Parties except for Belarus, Kazakhstan and Turkey are planned to be ready for multilateral assessment in a working group session at SBI 42.[6]

[4] These three Parties are Belarus, Turkey and Kazakhstan. The reviews of their submissions were scheduled for 2015 for the following reasons: the textual parts of the BR1s of Kazakhstan and Turkey, as well as Turkey's CTF tables, have not been submitted. Belarus indicated its intention to resubmit its NC6 in February 2015.

[5] <http://unfccc.int/national_reports/annex_i_natcom/submitted_natcom/items/8445.php> and <http://unfccc.int/national_reports/biennial_reports_and_iar/technical_reviews/items/8446.php>.

[6] The publication of the review reports of the remaining Parties in due time for their consideration in the working group session under SBI 42 is subject to timely input from the experts engaged in the reviews and timely provision of comments by the Parties on the draft review reports.

Dates of submission of sixth national communications and first biennial reports and status of review reports, as at 14 October 2014

Annex I Party	*National communication received (date)*	*Biennial report received (date)*	*Common tabular format tables received (date)*	*Language of submissions*	*Dates of review week*	*Status of review reports*	*Document symbol*
Australia	5 Aug. 2013	5 Aug. 2013	16 Jan. 2014	English	7–12 Oct. 2014	Under preparation	–
Austria	10 Feb. 2014	27 Feb. 2014	27 Feb. 2014	English	31 Mar. to 5 Apr. 2014	Published	FCCC/IDR.6/AUT FCCC/TRR.1/AUT
Belarus	31 Dec. 2013	14 Jan. 2014	30 Dec. 2013	Russian	To be reviewed in 2015	–	–
Belgium	20 Dec. 2013	12 Feb. 2014	12 Feb. 2014	English	3–8 Nov. 2014	–	–
Bulgaria	30 Dec. 2013	30 Dec. 2013	30 Dec. 2013	English	20–25 Oct. 2014	–	–
Canada	20 Dec. 2013 2 Apr. 2014	20 Dec. 2013	31 Dec. 2013	English and French	6–11 Oct. 2014	Under preparation	–
Croatia	12 Feb. 2014	12 Feb. 2014	12 Feb. 2014	English	5–10 May 2014	Published	FCCC/IDR.6/HRV FCCC/TRR.1/HRV
Cyprus	31 Dec. 2013	31 Dec. 2013	31 Dec. 2013	English	5–10 May 2014	Published	FCCC/IDR.6/CYP FCCC/TRR.1/CYP
Czech Republic	31 Jan. 2014	31 Jan. 2014	31 Jan. 2014	English	7–12 Apr. 2014	Under preparation	–
Denmark	3 Jan. 2014	3 Jan. 2014	7 Jan. 2014	English	17–22 Mar. 2014	Published	FCCC/IDR.6/DNK FCCC/TRR.1/DNK
Estonia	31 Dec. 2013	31 Dec. 2013	31 Dec. 2013	English	5–10 May 2014	Under preparation	–
European Union (28)[a]	13 Jan. 2014	13 Jan. 2014	13 Jan. 2014	English	24–29 Mar. 2014	Published	FCCC/IDR.6/EU FCCC/TRR.1/EU
European Union (15)[a]	–	–	15 Jan. 2014	–	24–29 Mar. 2014	–	–
Finland	30 Dec. 2013	30 Dec. 2013	30 Dec. 2013	English	7–12 Apr. 2014	Published	FCCC/IDR.6/FIN FCCC/TRR.1/FIN
France	25 Oct. 2013	31 Dec. 2013	27 Dec. 2013	French, with English abstract	7–12 Apr. 2014	Published	FCCC/IDR.6/FRA FCCC/TRR.1/FRA
Germany	20 Dec. 2013	20 Dec. 2013	20 Dec. 2013	English	6–11 Oct. 2014	Under preparation	–

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Greece	31 Dec. 2013	31 Dec. 2013	31 Dec. 2013	English	29 Sept. to 4 Oct. 2014	Under preparation	–
Hungary	8 Jan. 2014	8 Jan. 2014	2 Jan. 2014	English	23–28 June 2014	Under preparation	–
Iceland	7 Mar. 2014	7 Mar. 2014	7 Mar. 2014	English	25–30 Aug. 2014	Under preparation	–
Ireland	7 Mar. 2014	7 Mar. 2014	20 Feb. 2014	English	19–24 May 2014	Under preparation	–
Italy	12 Feb. 2014	12 Feb. 2014	10 Feb. 2014	English	7–12 Apr. 2014	Published	FCCC/IDR.6/ITA FCCC/TRR.1/ITA
Japan	27 Dec. 2013	27 Dec. 2013	27 Dec. 2013	English	6–11 Oct. 2014	Under preparation	–
Kazakhstan (NC3, 4, 5 and 6)	24 Dec. 2013	Not yet received	26 Feb. 2014	English and Russian	To be reviewed in 2015	–	–
Latvia	29 Dec. 2013	29 Dec. 2013	29 Dec. 2013	English	5–10 May 2014	Published	FCCC/IDR.6/LVA FCCC/TRR.1/LVA
Liechtenstein	23 Dec. 2013	23 Dec. 2013	23 Dec. 2013	English	5–10 May 2014	Under preparation	–
Lithuania	10 Jan. 2014	10 Jan. 2014	10 Jan. 2014	English	5–10 May 2014	Published	FCCC/IDR.6/LTU FCCC/TRR.1/LTU
Luxembourg	21 Jan. 2014	21 Jan. 2014	22 Feb. 2014	English	24 Feb. to 1 Mar. 2014	Published	FCCC/IDR.6/LUX FCCC/TRR.1/LUX
Malta	9 Apr. 2014	9 Apr. 2014	9 Apr. 2014	English	5–10 May 2014	Under preparation	–
Monaco	4 Apr. 2014	14 Apr. 2014	7 Apr. 2014	French	5–10 May 2014	Under preparation	–
Netherlands	30 Dec. 2013	31 Dec. 2013	31 Dec. 2013	English	24 Feb. to 1 Mar. 2014	Published	FCCC/IDR.6/NLD FCCC/TRR.1/NLD
New Zealand	12 Dec. 2013	13 Dec. 2013	13 Dec. 2013	English	24 Feb. to 1 Mar. 2014	Published	FCCC/IDR.6/NZL FCCC/TRR.1/NZL
Norway	10 Mar. 2014	10 Mar. 2014	10 Mar. 2014	English	6–11 Oct. 2014	Under preparation	–
Poland	7 Feb. 2014	7 Feb. 2014	7 Feb. 2014	English	8–13 Sept. 2014	Under preparation	–
Portugal	31 Dec. 2013	31 Dec. 2013	6 Mar. 2014	English	7–12 Apr. 2014	Published	FCCC/IDR.6/PRT FCCC/TRR.1/PRT

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Romania	19 Dec. 2013	19 Dec. 2013	19 Dec. 2013	English	23–28 June 2014	Under preparation	–
Russian Federation	30 Dec. 2013	11 Feb. 2014	17 Feb. 2014	Russian	6–11 Oct. 2014	Under preparation	–
Slovakia	2 Jan. 2014	2 Jan. 2014	22 Jan. 2014	English	5–10 May 2014	Under preparation	–
Slovenia	17 Apr. 2014	17 Apr. 2014	28 Mar. 2014	English	5–10 May 2014	Under preparation	–
Spain	20 Dec. 2013	19 Dec. 2013	19 Dec. 2013	Spanish	5–10 May 2014	Published	FCCC/IDR.6/ESP FCCC/TRR.1/ESP
Sweden	20 Dec. 2013	20 Dec. 2013	20 Dec. 2013	English	7–12 Apr. 2014	Published	FCCC/IDR.6/SWE FCCC/TPR.1/SWE
Switzerland	3 Feb. 2014	3 Feb. 2014	3 Feb. 2014	English	7–12 Apr. 2014	Published	FCCC/IDR.6/CHE FCCC/TRR.1/CHE
Turkey (NC5)	17 Dec. 2013	Not yet received	Not yet received	English	To be reviewed in 2015	–	–
Ukraine	30 Dec. 2013	30 Dec. 2013	30 Dec. 2013	Russian	27 Oct. to 1 Nov. 2014	–	–
United Kingdom	20 Dec. 2013	20 Dec. 2013	12 Feb. 2014	English	15–20 Sept. 2014	Under preparation	–
United States of America	1 Jan. 2014	1 Jan. 2014	1 Jan. 2014	English	24 Feb. to 1 Mar. 2014	Published	FCCC/IDR.6/USA FCCC/TRR.1/USA

Abbreviation: NC = national communication.

[a] The table specifies the dates of the review of the sixth national communications and first biennial reports only for those Parties with which the dates had been agreed by the time of the preparation of this note. The planning of the remaining reviews is in progress.

[b] EU 28 refers to the 28 member States of the European Union (EU); EU 15 refers to the 15 member States of the EU prior to the EU enlargement in 2004. The EU 15 comprised the following countries: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom.